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WORKMEN PERISH IN A SHOWER OF MOLTEN METAL

Explosion Occurs Under a Furnace and Without Warning Death Overtakes Workmen Who Were Near.

Three Men are Known to be Dead, Seven are in Hospitals and Twenty-Four Who are Unaccounted for are Believed to be Buried Under Six Feet of Metal—So Far Only One of the Forty is Known to Have Escaped Injury.

Pittsburg, Jan. 10.—A disastrous explosion occurred last night about 7 o'clock at the Eliza furnaces of the Jones and Laughlin Steel works when a large quantity of gas which had accumulated at the base of the furnaces became ignited. Tons of molten metal were showered around the furnace for a radius of 40 feet. Out of a force of 35 men employed at the furnace when the explosion occurred, three of them, John Cramer, Andrew Featherka and Gustave Kessler, have been taken to the morgue, their bodies horribly mutilated by the fire. Seven men are in hospitals fatally injured, and 24 others have not been accounted for.

While the mill officials are inclined to believe that all of the missing men were not cremated in the molten metal nothing definite is known as to their present whereabouts. Only one man, George Knox, has turned up since the explosion, and he says everything happened so quick that the doubts whether the men escaped. Chief Peter Snyder, of the Fourth Fire district, was seriously injured while directing the firemen to extinguish the fire which followed the explosion.

graphic description of the disaster.

"Our train was right near the furnace," said Bennett. "When the metal poured out of the furnace over the ground I saw the men running for a place of safety. To the right of the furnace I saw a party of 10 men, all of them running wildly and their clothing a mass of flames. Apparently some of them had been injured when the explosion occurred, as they could hardly run, and several of them tripped and fell. The hot metal ran over them in a moment."

"Just at this time a second explosion occurred. I again looked to the right of the furnace for the men, but I could not see any of them, and I believe all were burned to death. My train was in the path of the metal and I was compelled to unhook the train and signal the engineer to pull ahead."

Pittsburg, Pa., Jan. 10.—Scenes at the county morgue this morning were heartrending in the extreme. The building was besieged by a constant stream of relatives of the unfortunate men who lost their lives in the catastrophe of last night at Eliza furnaces of the Jones and Laughlin company.

So far, only seven deaths have been reported, though it is believed possible several bodies are yet buried under the slowly cooling debris. All of the bodies recovered are so badly burned that they are kept from the public view.

At the hospitals it is stated that of the injured three, Paul Brown, Mike Schini and Mike Polak, will probably die.

At the Eliza furnace the officials refuse to allow anyone to enter, with the exception of employees and the coroner, and refer all inquiries to the latter.

EARTHQUAKES VISIT EUROPE.

Stockholm, Jan. 10.—Two distinct and sharp earthquake shocks were felt in Sweden and Norway at 1:30 this morning. No damage is reported.

Yakaterinburg, Russia, Jan. 10.—Two earthquake shocks were felt here early this morning.

REIGN OF TERROR

A Battle Between Feudists May Occur at Any Moment at Jackson Kentucky.

Jackson, Ky., Jan. 10.—A reign of terror exists in Jackson, on account of the Hargis feud trials. Judge Carns is not holding court, and probably won't until the troops arrive. The situation is like a keg of gunpowder and a flash will set it off. At yesterday's session of court, twenty men on each side, armed to the teeth, were lined up ready for anything that might come. Attorney Will A. Young is being kept with in doors, as his friends fear he will be killed, and attorney A. Floyd Byrd, famous as the prosecutor of the Hargises, has been warned that his life is in danger. The town is filled with fighting men on both sides.

CORPORAL KNOWS WILL BE COURT MARTIALED

Washington, Jan. 10.—The secretary of war has ordered the court martial of Corporal Knowles, of Company A, twenty-fifth infantry, under arrest at El Reno, charged with shooting Captain Macklin of the same company, December 21st last.

SLIGHT EARTHQUAKE SHOCKS ARE FELT

Baltimore, Md., Jan. 10.—Distinct earthquake shocks were felt at a number of points in Baltimore county today. Reports vary as to the duration of the disturbance, which occurred at 5:45 a. m. Williamsport and Altoona, Pa., also report shocks.

WRITS OF NE EXEAT

May be Issued to Prevent the Exodus of Magnates Wanted as Witnesses.

Chicago, Jan. 10.—Before resumption of the interstate commerce commission hearing into the Harriman consolidations, this morning, it was unofficially announced that another hearing will be held in New York, as soon as expedient, for the purpose of further delving into the Union Pacific stock deal, which charges H. E. Harriman and the Standard Oil officials profited personally to the extent of \$25,000,000. Steps will be taken, in the meantime, to keep William Rockefeller, James Stillman, H. H. Rogers, J. J. Hill, E. H. Harriman, Jacob Schiff and others, in this country as witnesses.

Because of the threatened exodus of some of these men, it may be found necessary to issue writs of ne exeat. It is said orders have been sent to the government attorney at New York, to have subpoenas prepared and served on the Wall street magnates at once.

J. C. Stubbs, traffic director of the Harriman lines, commenting on the hearing said: "The commission, we know the exact extent of the co-operation and approve it. I have means of knowing that President Roosevelt also knows it and gives his approval."

Washington, Jan. 10.—It was announced today that the river and harbor bill, carrying about \$70,000,000 will be reported to the house next week.

CZAR FEARS AN ASSASSIN.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 10.—Fearing any moment may bring him face to face with an assassin, not knowing which way to seek a place of safety, Czar Nicholas is in a state of complete collapse. Unchecked assassination of officials and the ease with which terrorists are able to reach their victims is too much for the Czar's nerves.

BIG POWDER PLANT IS WRECKED BY EXPLOSION

Fire Follows and Flames Were Being Driven Toward Storehouse When the Wind Shifted and a Second Explosion was Prevented.

Holidaysburg, Pa., Jan. 10.—An explosion in the mill of the Standard Powder company, located at hills to find shelter from the an Hordel Station, four miles from Holidaysburg this morning, destroyed the entire plant, blew to pieces explosion was felt for miles around the residence of John Walls, one buildings in surrounding towns were mile away, and shook down the badly shaken and first reports said home of August Cooper. No lives an earthquake had occurred, were lost.

The explosion was caused by a fire which started in one building. Further particulars from the scene The damage will exceed \$100,000, of the powder plant explosion, indicating the fire is still in progress and eates that the fire is under control is eating its way toward a storehouse. A change of wind removed the house, which contains 5,000 kegs of storehouse from the danger zone.

WILL FIGHT FOR THE THRONE OF PERSIA

Third Son of the Late Shah is Said to be Organizing an Army With Which to March Against His Brother Who Succeeds to the Throne.

Tehran, Jan. 10.—Great excitement has been caused here by reports from Laristan, that Abol Fath Mirza, the third son of the late Shah, is 25 years old, well versed in the art of war, and is said to be a fearless commander, much loved by the soldiers.

While there is little fear that he will be able to overcome his brother, it is expected nothing less than a bloody battle will stay him.

GALLION MAN LOSES IN U. S. CIRCUIT COURT

Cincinnati, O., Jan. 10.—Edward F. Flickinger, president of the Gallion Wheel works, at Gallion, who was convicted of conspiracy to wreck the Gallion Bank, and was sentenced to seven and one-half years in the penitentiary, was denied a rehearing by the United States circuit court of appeals today. He will now be compelled to serve his sentence, unless an appeal is made to the United States supreme court will give a stay of execution.

PRESIDENT MAY MODIFY HIS ORDER

Washington, Jan. 10.—President Roosevelt may modify his order, dismissing the colored troops of the twenty-fifth infantry, by eliminating that portion which prohibits the discharged soldiers from ever obtaining civil employment under the government.

A number of the President's closest advisers have informed him that in their opinion, he exceeded his authority by incorporating the civil employment prohibition.

COREY BUYS SITE FOR HOME ON FIFTH AVENUE

New York, Jan. 10.—When W. E. Corey brings Mabelle Gilman back to America, she will be mistress of a palatial residence in the multi-millionaire section of Fifth Avenue, according to reports in real estate circles today. Perry Belmont, it is announced, today, sold for half a million, a plot at Fifth and Ninety-second Street, and Corey is reported to be the purchaser.

STILL SOME HOPE FOR OVERDUE STEAMER

Pensacola, Fla., Jan. 10.—An unconfirmed report was received here late last night that the British steamship E. O. Saltmarsh, from Liverpool to Pensacola via Cuban ports, is on her way here with the missing steamer Ponce in tow. It is impossible to confirm the report. The Saltmarsh is several days overdue. She usually makes good time and the delay is explained by the probability of her having met the missing steamer.

Another hope that the Ponce is safe is held out by the continued nonarrival of the Trinidad line steamer Maracaibo, three days overdue. It is thought possible that she may have fallen in with the disabled Ponce and is giving her assistance.

SANTA FE INDICTED

Grand Jury at Los Angeles Charges the Road With Giving Rebates.

Los Angeles, Cal., Jan. 10.—The federal grand jury yesterday returned two indictments against the Santa Fe Railroad company, containing 76 counts.

The railroad is charged in the first indictment of 66 counts with granting certain concessions to the Grand Canyon Lime and Cement company on shipments of lime from Nelson, Ariz., to certain California points and to John F. Shirlen. The second, containing 10 counts, charges the railroad company with giving rebates on lime.

Two indictments were returned also against the Grand Canyon Lime and Cement company, one of six counts for accepting rebates, and the other containing 17 counts, charging it with accepting concessions.

SAYS LIFE IS ONLY A RAREBIT DREAM

New York, Jan. 10.—With a note lying nearby, in which he had written that "life is a rarebit dream," the body of Albert A. Chittenden, an artist of some note, was found in his luxuriously furnished apartments on West Twenty-ninth street. Chittenden had committed suicide by inhaling gas and had been dead at least three days.

He had first pasted heavy wrapping paper over every window and crevice in the apartment and had then laid down on the floor with a gas tube attached to a jet hanging over him. Pinned on his waistcoat was the following note: "Life is a rarebit dream, Ha! Ha! Such a funny dream, but enough; I am ready to awake up to something less ridiculous."

GOLDFIELD MINERS GO BACK TO WORK

Goldfield, Nev., Jan. 10.—The miners' strike in this district, was settled last night when, by a vote of two to one, the miners go back to work on the terms proposed by the committee. The settlement is generally satisfactory.

IOWA MOB LYNCHES WHITE WIFE MURDERER

Pardon Granted to Another Man Guilty of a Like Offense Infuriates the Townspeople—Jail Doors are Battered Down and the Victim is Hanged to a Bridge.

Charles City, Ia., Jan. 10.—James Cullen, a contractor, who murdered his wife and 15 year old stepson, was taken from the Floyd county jail here last night by a mob and hanged to the Cedar River bridge in the heart of the city. The mob broke into the jail and quickly overpowered the feeble resistance that Sheriff Schermerhorn was able to offer. The mob was composed of many of the leading citizens of the town and even the leaders made no attempt to disguise themselves.

Cullen fought like a tiger but was overpowered. He declared that his wife and son had attacked him and that he killed them in self-defense.

Four or five ministers and a large number of women were in the crowd.

The crowd gathered about the jail about 9 o'clock. With a railroad iron they battered down the door and with picks and axes quickly cut through the wall.

Judging from the expressions about town the hanging is largely the result of the pardon granted to

Louis Busse, the Bremer county wife murderer. Busse murdered his wife within 15 miles of Charles City, was twice granted reprieves and then his sentence was commuted to life imprisonment.

One of Cullen's sons, it is said, was hanged by a mob in Missouri near Joplin a dozen years ago for horse stealing. Cullen had been married three times, his two former wives leaving him.

Cullen's brother, Richard Cullen, a banker from Warren, Ill., who was in the city, did not hear of the mobbing until after it was all over.

Men who participated in the mobbing stated that they did not fear prosecution. They said that they disliked mob violence but that they considered that if execution was ever justifiable it was in the case of Cullen.

They declared that the estate of \$50,000 which he had accumulated as a contractor would have been used to fight his case in the courts and that it would be years before he would have been punished if ever been tried.

BRIDGE COLLAPSES CARRYING A SCORE INTO THE RIVER

Two of the Unfortunate are Drowned and Several are Injured—Four Inches of Rain Falls in Southern California and Much Damage is Done by High Waters.

Santa Barbara, Cal., Jan. 10.—The bridge over the Santa Ynez river near Lompoc, went down yesterday afternoon, carrying twenty people into the river. Two persons were drowned and several injured, none fatally.

The lower Lompoc valley is under water, the Santa Ynez river having overflowed its banks. It is the worst flood since '84.

Los Angeles, Cal., Jan. 10.—From the standpoint of precipitation, the storm which has drenched southern California during the past four days, is the heaviest in 18 years. The total precipitation is nearly four inches. Four or five lives are known to have been lost as the result of the storm. Rail communication with San Francisco is cut off by washouts and slides, and trains are late on all other lines.

GRIM WAR AT THE GROCERY.



—Wilder in Chicago Record-Herald.